

OSCC Determination Of The Number Of Individuals Participating In A Certification

As agreed by the Informal Working Group on Certification, following the notification of a certification period by a State Party, the OSCC will meet to decide the number of individuals from among those States Parties that have notified their intent to participate in the certification at its next formal meeting, but not later than 45 days prior to the scheduled certification.

The Treaty on Open Skies, Annex D, Section I, paragraph 4, states:

“The number of individuals that shall participate in the certification from amongst those States Parties that notified their intention to participate shall be decided upon within the Open Skies Consultative Commission. Unless otherwise agreed, the number of individuals shall total no more than 40 and include no more than four from any one State Party.”

When the number of individuals participating in the certification is limited to 40, the OSCC will use the following methodology to decide on the number of individuals for each State Party that will participate in the certification:

- Each State Party that has notified its intent to participate in certification (through OSF 23) will be represented by at least one notified participant.
- Each State Party will be represented by a second, third and fourth notified participant if all States Parties can be accommodated within the limit of 40.
- In the event that the second through the fourth rounds cannot be completely accommodated, the priority will go to those notifying States Parties for which the certifying State Party has an active quota.
- If conflicts remain for available slots, notifying States Parties may consult amongst themselves and seek agreement. If not, the final participation list will be resolved by drawing lots.

If the State Party hosting the certification is willing to accept participation of all notified participants, it will inform the OSCC that there is no need for a meeting on this subject.